The University of Melbourne Health Informatics Network - October 2007 update

CHIRS*
Next CHIRS is on Tuesday 2 October, 5-6.30 in the lounge at University House. Remember to put these Tuesdays in your diary and do try to get to one of the remaining gatherings for 2007: 13 November (changed from Melbourne Cup Day 6 November!) and 4 December. All welcome; contact one of the convenors (below) if you need directions. No need to RSVP. If a colleague / student / research partner is interested, please bring them along. In 2007 CHIRS is being sponsored by VeRSI, the Victorian eResearch Strategic Initiative (http://versi.edu.au) or contact gabrielle.bright@versi.edu.au 8344 3768).
*Collaborative Health Informatics Research Social - rhymes with beers

VeRSI-eResearch discussion
The Health Informatics Network will be the focus of a discussion co-hosted by VeRSI, the Director of eResearch, and the eScholarship Research Centre, on Tuesday 9 October. Details: http://www.versi.edu.au/versi/melbercoffee.html

Department of Information Systems open classes
Anyone may register to attend these two open classes, drawn from Masters degree subjects: Thursday 4 October, 5.30pm: Guest lecturer, Ms Katerina Andronis, Information Manager, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. Thursday 11 October, 5.30pm: Guest lecturer, Dr Hugh Leslie, Director and Senior Clinical consultant, Ocean Informatics. More information: http://www.dis.unimelb.edu.au/openclasses2007.html

NCRIS population health and clinical data linkage capability
A recent collaborative submission for the NCRIS 5.7 Population Health and Clinical Data Linkage Capability area was led by Dr Marienne Hibbert from MMIM and involved a number of University of Melbourne researchers. The NCRIS 5.7 facilitator Prof Michael Frommer is presenting the investment plan to the NCRIS committee for consideration. Further information from marienne.hibbert@mh.org.au

Cross-community information systems project
Researchers in the Department of Information Systems will investigate Cross-Community Information Systems: Understanding Technology-Practice Fit in Healthcare as an ARC Discovery project, 2008-2010. Please contact simon.milton@unimelb.edu.au for further information.

Proceedings of public forum and industry workshop
A record of August events at The University of Melbourne, including video footage of the hypothetical and summaries of workshop sessions, will be made available on the Health Informatics website from mid-October. Look for details at http://www.healthinformatics.unimelb.edu.au/

Universitas21 e-health workshop
Held at Hong Kong University 24-25 September. Programme available from http://www.u21health.org/meetings/hongkong2007/docs/ehealth_agenda.pdf

Call for papers
HIMSS AsiaPac08 Conference & Exhibition, Hong Kong, 20-23 May 2008. Papers due 15 October. Further information: http://cfp.himss.org/2008/asiapac/call/index.html

Request for proposals
Microsoft Research will support selected academic research into using smart cell phones for healthcare applications in underserved communities worldwide. Proposals due 29 October. Further information from http://research.microsoft.com/ur/us/fundingopps/RFPs/CellPhoneAsPlatformForHealthcare_RFP.aspx

e-health & telemedicine workshop
Organised by the Centre of Excellence in e-Medicine (e-Med) at University of Western Australia. 16-17 November. Details / to register: http://www.emedicine.com.au/

Call for submissions
Australian Law Reform Commission Discussion Paper 72 - Review of Australian Privacy Law includes a section '56. Regulatory Framework for Health Information'. Submissions close 7 December. Details www.austlii.edu.au/au/other/alrc/publications/dp/72/

Steering Committee news
The next Health Informatics Steering Committee Reference Group on Monday 8 October will include a discussion of various scenarios for the future of the Health Informatics Network. Please talk to a Reference Group member with your views on the matter: Peter Harris, Liz Sonenberg, Teng Liaw, Loane Skene, Jim Black, Simon Milton or Kathleen Gray.

If you have any news, ideas, or items of interest for the next HINet bulletin please contact us by Monday 29 October. Also if you know of someone who would like to be on the mailing list – just let us know!

Regards from HI Network convenors...
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